

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a method of manufacturing a diffractive optical element, including a process for forming a resist mask of blazed shape upon a substrate and for etching the substrate by use of the resist mask so that the blazed shape is transferred to the substrate. The method includes a process for forming, before the etching, an element being effective to prevent a taper shape, to be produced at an edge of the blazed shape of the resist mask, from being transferred to the substrate.

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